



Chess Notes

IN the Schools Section (Division II), Portchester Modern School won their final match of the season against Prices "B," 3—2 and finished with the quite respectable score of 2½ points from six matches.

It is hoped that they have demonstrated that chess ability is not confined to those who have passed the "11-plus" and that the modern schools can hold their own with the grammar schools in the same age group. Perhaps other modern schools will be encouraged to take part next season.

Scores were.— A. Wrenn 0, B. Keen 1; R. Hughes 1, K. Alder 0; D. Coates 0, R. Downes 1; W. Wallen 1, M. Earrey 0; and D. Mugridge 1, P. Flavell 0.

TABLES (SCHOOLS SECTION)

Division 1

	P	W	D	G	P
Ports. Grammar "B"	4	4	0	14	4
St John's "C"	4	2	1	12	2½
Prices "A"	4	2	1	10	2½
Gosport Gram. "A"	4	1	0	7½	1
St John's "D"	4	0	0	6½	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	G	P
Gosport Gram. "B"	6	6	0	25½	6
St John's "E"	6	5	0	18½	5
St John's "F"	6	3	0	17½	3
Prices "B"	6	3	0	14½	3
Portchester Modern	6	2	1	13½	2½
Ports. Grammar "C"	5	0	1	7½	½
Ports. Grammar "D"	5	0	0	3	0

Southampton beat Andover 4½—½ in the remaining match of the season in the Hampshire Chess League. With two strong and experienced players on their top boards, it is rather surprising that Andover have been unable to do better than they have this year.

Southampton's win puts them in third place, above the strong Bournemouth team.

Scores were.— P. Marshall ½, C. H. Henshaw ½; G. L. Pritchard 1, S. L. Russell 0; A. C. Barton 1, E. Bartley 0; M. W. Stone 1, R. Robertson 0; C. Newby 1, W. Howard 0.

Final Table

	P	W	D	G	P
Woolston	6	6	0	20½	6
Portsmouth	6	4	1	19½	4½
Southampton	6	3	1	17½	3½
Bournemouth	6	3	0	16½	3
University	6	3	0	14	3
Fareham	6	1	0	11	1
Andover	6	0	0	6	0

In postal chess, Hampshire's score in the "Ward-Higgs" competition stands at ten games to three in their favour, further individual scores being:

Board 2, M. E. Ventham beat a Kent player; Board 11, R. S. Learmouth beat G. Serck (Shropshire); Board 14, J. E. C. Grant drew with C. A. Blaxley (Northants); Board 16, G. W. Farmer drew with J. Nash (Oxfordshire).

If Hampshire can keep this up, there is every prospect of their obtaining promotion into the First Division of the County and District Championship.

In the Third Division of the British Correspondence Chess League, Fareham Chess Club's present score is 4 points from six games completed (E. G. Potter 1½, A. F. Garner 1, D. G. Keen 1½).